

## Yes for Incorporation

A four-year battle to establish a city in the Carson-Dominguez area will reach a climax next Tuesday when voters of the area go to the polls to vote on incorporation, name a city council, and pick a name for the proposed city.

Despite last-minute attempts of a dissident group to beat the cityhood dreams of the area's leaders, most observers believe a new city will be formed.

The Press-Herald recommends strongly that the voters in the Carson-Dominguez area give their overwhelming support to the proposal by voting YES on incorporation.

Next Tuesday's election is a major triumph in itself. Plans for the proposed city have been opposed by powerful forces. The city of Long Beach tried desperately to annex a choice part of the industrial area, driving a wedge into the cityhood plans. When that failed, a Long Beach dominated Local Agency Formation Commission put a freeze on incorporation plans, and then when challenged with a court order, cut the proposed city nearly in half.

While next Tuesday's ballot will include candidates for the new council and city offices, the principal issue is incorporation. Without a YES vote, the others are meaningless.

The Carson-Dominguez area can make a good case for cityhood. It has the residents—about 58,000 with 16,000 eligible to vote; it has industry and an assessed valuation of \$166 million in land and improvements; and it is in a dynamic, growing area.

The area's most valuable asset, however, would appear to be the enthusiasm of a large number of the area's civic leaders and industrial representatives in the formation of a city. With more than 30 candidates seeking one of five seats on the new council, voters will have a choice of the area's top leadership talent. A large number of responsible qualified candidates are seeking election to the proposed city offices.

Local government is the most responsive to the needs of the residents, and we laud the Carson-Dominguez residents for their tenacity in getting their incorporation proposals to a vote.

We strongly urge a YES vote FOR INCORPORATION on Tuesday, Feb. 6.

## Hot Air vs. Hard Facts

Self-styled liberals frequently and vociferously condemn the profit motive under which we have attained the goals in many areas so ardently sought by the liberals.

This point was well made in an advertisement of a major machine tool manufacturer. It said: "Did the liberals save millions of American women from back-breaking work by inventing the vacuum cleaner and sewing machine—or was it businessmen looking for profit?" The advertisement then went on to point out that business in search of profits has given us life-giving drugs. It has been profit-seeking corporations which have generated the millions of American jobs paying the highest wages in the world. It was men who wanted to make a profit who developed the automobile and the hundreds of thousands of jobs which followed—not welfare state promoters.

The advertisement concluded: "When those who criticize and attack profit can equal this record for their country, it will be time to listen to them. But not until." In reality, there would be nothing for the liberal to talk about were it not for the great achievements of men working for a profit.

## Opinions of Others

There are many ways to devalue money. In Great Britain, they did it deliberately and openly. Here in the United States, we are doing it subtly and insidiously, but every bit as damaging. In effect, devaluation—or inflation—means simply that your dollar buys less. It means that your savings account lying in the bank may grow with interest, but it actually diminishes in value. It means that a \$3,600 car last year cost \$4,000 this year. Is the fate of America like that of Great Britain? Will federal waste and deficit spending finally and completely ruin the already devaluated dollar? It's your decision . . . —Covington (La.) St. Tammany Farmer.

Be tolerant and accept people as they are—remember, they have to put up with you—Villa M. Jenkins in the Hermitage (Mo.) Index.

## Morning Report:

George Romney's friendly critics fall into two groups. Those who feel he should be forgiven his ad-lib flubs. And those who feel he should be forgiven his ghostwritten formal speeches. If the brainwashing slip was the worst of the former, then his cure for the Vietnam war is the worst of the latter.

His plan is beautiful. Vietnam—plus Laos and Cambodia for good measure—should be neutralized. Also force should be eliminated inside those countries. Mr. Romney isn't quite clear yet how all this will come about. I can tell him: put Southeast Asia under ten feet of water.

The likeable George, who only recently complained the press was ignoring him, might soon wish for that treatment again.

Abe Mellinkoff

## Flag of North Korea



## HERB CAEN SAYS:

# Bid to Get Flu Story Fails; Doc Has the Flu

Add ceteras: Everybody I know has the flu and everybody you know has the flu and you and I have the flu so this must be a major epidemic, right? I tried to check this with my source at Public Health, but he's home with the flu . . . Movie King Steve McQueen has rented a penthouse in the Cow Hollow sector of S.F. wherein to dwell while shooting a Warner Bros. flick titled "Bullitt," starting the first week in February. He plays an S.F. cop who falls in love with his motorcycle. A female cycle. Nothing queer about old Steve . . . KOED's nightly and remarkable "Newspaper of the Air" show, staffed at the moment by on-strike personnel of the San Francisco Chronicle, has created national interest. A sequence has been prepared for the Huntley-Brinkley show—including shots of mayor Fiorello H. Alioto reading the Comics.

It has been a great week for Merchant Prince Cyril Magnin. Lynda Bird Johnson Robb, who buys most of her clothes (including her trousseau) from Cyril, made the Best Dressed List. Second honor for Cyril. He has been nominated to France's illustrious Legion of Honor—which could embarrass Cyril at the White House, where

he is one of LBJ's pets. "I'm still anti-de Gaulle," he says, "but I'm accepting the nomination anyway." Do I hear a second? . . . Barrel's bottom: Harry Bridges got the word from his medics—no more cigarettes ever, or he won't live to be 100 after all. Now he's hooked on Sen-Sen . . . Senator Eugene McCarthy is

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coffing at reports that Jesse Unruh has already bet \$600 that his pal, Bobby Kennedy, will run for President this year. "There's one bet Jesse won't win," snapped McCarthy. "Kennedy has already closed himself out of the race—and I'd sure like to get some of that funny Unruh money." . . . Incidentally, I was amazed at the number of people in the McCarthy camp who confide that if it's Johnson vs. Nixon, they CAN bring themselves to vote for Nixon. But not for "that other guy" (meaning Ronnie). The "ABJ in '68" buttons are now being amended to read "Anybody but Johnson—Unless it's Reagan" . . . My last exclusive: The Democratic ticket will be Johnson and Nixon, the Republican

## A Letter . . . To My Son

By Tom Rische  
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Dear Bruce, One-fourth of the people who ever lived are living now, and half of them are under 26.

This era promises to be youth-oriented, fast-moving, crowded, and challenging. (Challenging is a word people use when they really mean, "awfully difficult.")

Partly because there are so many young people, our country worships youth. If you're not young any more, you can buy makeup, wigs, toupees, hair dyes, wrinkle removers, diet pills, dancing or reducing courses so that you seem young.

With all its scientific developments, our time makes young people more important. Old Math has been replaced with New Math and Space Flight is another development for the young scientist. Those who haven't been to school or at least done a lot of reading lately may not be able to cope with new jobs. (Fifteen years ago, how many people ever heard of a computer or

dreamed that Buck Rogers-type adventures would soon become reality?)

Gray hair and wrinkles, once a sign of wisdom, are regarded in some quarters as symbols of out-moded foolishness. ("Getting gray? Wash it away!")

A considerable crowd shouts, "Don't trust anyone over 30," or "You've made a mess; get out of the way."

Teenagers make a best-seller of a Beatles record, another lament entitled, "What Did I Do That Was Wrong?" Another folk hero, Bob Dylan, sings "The Times, They Are A-Changin'."

He's right, but the young too often think that anything new is good, while the old too often think anything new is bad. The truth lies somewhere in between. Big changes are coming, and meeting them will require all the wisdom of the past and the know-how of the future.

Yours for challenges,  
YOUR DAD

ticket Nixon and Johnson. Wanna bet, Jesse? . . . Hey: The Condor Club on San Francisco's Broadway is still cashing in on Carol Doda, who no longer works there. The joint's big sign now reads "Topless—Where It All Began With CAROL DODA," which is a fair example of sneaky double-talk at that.

Notes, quotes etc.: Frank Sinatra Jr. to KNEW's Mike Forrest: "Does my old man get sore when I kid him in my show? Well, the first time he heard me, he said 'Very funny, kid. Right now I'm looking for a loophole in your birth certificate!'" . . . Exec Edgar Holton, fresh out of Mt. Zion Hosp. and raving about the food there: "Man, they give you matzohball soup when you're on intravenous feeding." This accounts for the bulges in the tube. . . In Carmel, Maudie Dewhurst cracked up over this bumper sticker on a passing car: "Live Alone and Lack It!"

Quote from last year: After Sinatra lost his two front teeth to the fists of Carl Cohen in Las Vegas, Milton Berle asked: "Doesn't he know better than to fight Jews in the desert?"

## WILLIAM HOGAN

# Old Comic Book Heroes Viewed As Social Forces

A comic book? Well, yes, but a sociological document too, and Pop Art folklore as well. "The Penguin Book of Comics" (Penguin; \$4.50) takes a serious look at the culture of our lower and middle-class citizens, but without the traditional sneer.

This is a "slight history" devised by George Perry. It is a well-written, entertaining account of the comics as they have developed in the United States and Britain. Perry's modest claim that he has written merely a "slight history" shows that people are still somewhat uncomfortable with the comics. You have to adopt a stance which shows you aren't taking them seriously. (What? Bothering with something people wrap their garbage with? You can't mean it!)

Once Perry makes his nod to convention he proceeds with a balanced, perceptive study of the comics. He discusses such topics as the developments in the graphic

## AFFAIRS OF STATE

# Politicos Argue About Tax Hike; We Still Pay

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SACRAMENTO — As anticipated earlier this year, partisan politics has the whole stage in Sacramento these days, and probably will continue to hold the spot-light from this time on. Charges and counter-charges concerning the question of who's responsible for high taxes, the Democratic administration under ex-Governor Pat Brown, or the Republican administration under Governor Ronald Reagan fly like birds in the night, with no apparent destination and no purpose of accomplishment other than party edification.

The hard and cold facts are that it doesn't matter who's responsible for the excessive load of taxes Californians are now carrying. The taxes have been levied, and will be collected, so in the long run, the people pay through the nose, with little hope ever of having the burden eased, no matter which party is in control of the state government.

As mentioned previously, the full shock of the tax increases of 1967 have not as yet been felt. This will come when income tax returns are made ready for payment by April 15, and taxpayers

in the higher brackets who already have paid something on account, discover that half of last year's income tax amounts to about 25 per cent of this year's payment.

And also when taxpayers in lower brackets find there will be considerable increases over the 1967 payments.

It figures the taxpayers are going to get mad at somebody, which is one

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reason for the bickering between the parties at the present time. Republicans hope the taxpayers will get mad at the Democrats, and the Democrats hope they will turn their election wrath at the June primaries on the Republicans.

With this in mind, the Republicans charge the necessity for high taxes to the Brown administration. The Democrats deny the charge, claiming that without Republican support, the taxes couldn't have been increased.

The truth of the matter is that the expenses of government have been increasing annually for a couple of decades, and as long as the people tolerate the increas-

es, they're going to keep on, no matter which political party is in power.

It is a known fact that increases in government cost were higher percentage-wise under the eight years of Democratic administration, and this is understandable to the point that these costs might have easily increased at the same percentages had the Republicans been in power.

In any event, the added costs exist, and the taxpayers, not the politicians who caused them to exist, are being called upon to meet the bills.

The Republicans are making a sincere effort to reduce costs, but with all these efforts, decreases in costs will be comparatively negligible, and are bound not to have any effect on the individual taxpayer, for the simple reason that if any surplus happens to be shown, legislators will know from long experience how to dispose of excess money in some other way than returning it to the people who produced it in the first place.

Thus, records of the past reveal that all the political bickering now under way, will have little if any impact on those who pay the bills.

## ROYCE BRIER

# Viet President Has Some Funny Ideas About Allies

It is not of public record that Winston Churchill ever warned F. D. Roosevelt against discussing terms of peace with the enemy, or vice versa. Even Herr Hitler and Signor Mussolini had more prudence.

But there is an evolution in the concept of military alliances, so-called, and President Johnson has had several occasions to discover it in the past two years.

The other day President Nguyen Van Thieu of South Vietnam, in a speech to Vietnamese newspaper editors—those he has not suppressed—criticized the United States for talking about peace with North Vietnam. He did not specifically mention President Johnson, but nobody thinks he was talking about other allies, such as the Australians or Koreans.

Mr. Thieu said: "I regret to say that in the past our allies sometimes have not avoided these pitfalls (seeking peace) by placing themselves at the center of peace efforts in Vietnam, for instance, by asking the United

Nations or other governments to help in solving the Vietnam problem."

He said the search for peace is a prerogative of the South Vietnamese government, and implied it was an exclusive prerogative. Any other course, he averred, would "damage the success of our common cause."

It is true it is a historical

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tradition, not always observed, for nations engaged in a coalition against an enemy to agree not to make a "separate" peace. But if such an agreement exists in the so-called alliance of the United States and South Vietnam, Mr. Johnson and Secretary Rusk have not mentioned it, and all their activity and public pronouncements indicate one doesn't exist.

So unless Mr. Thieu can produce such an agreement—in writing—he is talking through his hat.

He is doing worse—he is exhibiting a hell of a gall in taking a position that if the United States wants peace in Vietnam for any reason whatever, it must ask his permission. Or to put it exactly, the United States must ask South Vietnam to take the initiative in any peace proposals.

Indeed, the United States is not legally in the position of an ally of South Vietnam. It is only sentimentally in that position, or rather the Johnson Administration is sentimentally in that position, a sentimentality frequently uttered by Mr. Johnson and Mr. Rusk. This sentimental position is under constant attack by large segments of the American people and their elected representatives as illegal, unwise and in fact phony.

Legally the United States is in a position of acceding to a request of the South Vietnamese, originally for moral and economic aid, later for direct military aid against their enemies. In this, the Americans are carrying the major burden of the job in Vietnam.

President Johnson should tell President Thieu the United States will do what it pleases in peace or war in Vietnam, and demand that he kindly mind his own business out there, which is enough to keep him busy. But it is too embarrassing to President Johnson as it is, so President Thieu will get away with it.

## Alan Grey Says . . .

We read about our prestige . . . And worry it may slip . . .

Then let the North Koreans . . . Go take a naval ship . . .

We then go beg the Russians . . . If they will try anew . . .

To have the North Koreans . . . Return the ship and crew . . .

We ought to show the world . . . That we are out to win . . .

First let them know we're coming . . . Then take it back again.